

The Library Connection online newsletter provides the public with information about upcoming events, major programs and other news of the City of San Diego Public Library. Anyone can sign up for this free monthly email announcement by visiting the Library on the City's web site at [www.sandiego.gov/public-library](http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library) and clicking on "News & Events."

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## New Point Loma Branch Scheduled to Open Sept. 20

The new Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library will begin serving its community Saturday, Sept. 20. A grand opening will feature a special ribbon-cutting ceremony, entertainment and tours of the facility.

The new Point Loma branch is the first project completed under the City of San Diego's \$312.3 million library building program approved by the City Council last year.

The 26,000-square-foot facility is more than five times larger than the old Point Loma library, which closed in June. Designed by Conwell, Shonkwiler & Associates, the new, two-level building includes a community room for 120 people, kitchen, outdoor patios, comfortable lounge areas, a computer room, and seminar rooms. The children's area will be the largest of any children's library in the City.

Funding for the \$11 million project included a generous \$5 million donation from the Hervey family, \$4.089 million in City redevelopment money, as well as other grants and generous donations.

Much of the library's design follows a nautical theme and includes a faux ship's hull and an actual working periscope. The site also has a small landscaped area with a grassy area that creates a meeting and celebratory space for the neighborhood and the community.



*The new 26,000-square-foot Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library is a two-level facility with a nautical theme.*

Located at 3701 Voltaire St., the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library will be open Monday and Wednesday from noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Library staff can be reached by calling 619-531-1539.

The City's library building program calls for the building of 13 new libraries, including a new Main Library, and the expansion of 11 existing branches over the next 10 years.



*A group of Japanese-Americans enter an internment camp during World War II. A new exhibit at the Central Library looks at how the U.S. government mistreated people of German, Italian and Japanese descent during the war.*

## Exhibit to Explore Civil Rights Violations During World War II

From Sept. 1 to 24, the Library will present a special exhibition titled "Enemy Alien Files: Hidden Stories of World War II" at the Central Library, 820 E St. The exhibit combines for the first time a comparative and multicultural presentation of how the U.S. government disregarded the civil and human rights of 31,000 German, Italian and Japanese immigrants and citizens in the United States and Latin America.

Through 24 panels of stunning photos, texts, and oral history quotes from internees, the exhibition examines the impact of an international crisis on those "enemy aliens" that settled in North and Latin America. For more information, visit the Library online at [www.sandiego.gov/public-library](http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library) or call 619-236-5800.

## Library Promotes Freedom of Reading During National Banned Books Week, Sept. 20-27

The San Diego Public Library will join thousands of bookstores and other libraries nationwide in celebrating the freedom to read during Banned Books Week from Sept. 20-27. The Library will feature displays at several locations. Observed since 1982, the annual event is sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, American Library Association, Association of American Publishers, American Society of Journalists and Authors, and National Association of College Stores. It is endorsed by the Library of Congress Center for the Book.

## Digital Art Exhibition on Display at Central Library

Digital artworks by six San Diego artists are featured in a Central Library exhibition through Oct. 15. The display was created to coincide with the SIGGRAPH computer graphics and interactive techniques convention that was held in San Diego in July. The artists include Harold Cohen, Tom Gould, Andrew Lucas, Hiroshi Miyazaki, Dana Montlack and Philipp Scholz Rittermann. Titled "Six Contemporary Digital Artists," the exhibit was coordinated by the Library's Visual Arts Program.

## Two Libraries Receive Energy Star Certification

The Central Library and the Carmel Mountain Branch Library each recently earned 2003 Energy Star certification from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The label distinguishes the buildings as one of the top 25 percent in the nation in terms of energy performance, according to the federal agency.

## WalMart Donates \$1,000 to Paradise Hills Library

The Paradise Hills Branch Library recently received a \$1,000 check from WalMart. The branch was one of several facilities and organizations to receive the one-time grants. The money will be put in the matching equipment fund to buy some much needed shelving for the library.

## Early Exploration of California Coast and Pacific Region to be Discussed

A special reception and lecture at the Central Library will open an exhibition on early exploration of California and the Pacific region. Dr. Iris Engstrand, a professor of history at the University of San Diego will speak about "Solving Pacific Mysteries: Early Exploration of the California Coast and Beyond." The Sept. 21 event will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Wangenheim Room of the Central Library. The cost for the reception and lecture is \$25 per person. The exhibit will include important historical volumes on early exploration of the Pacific Region, photos of Native Americans by Edward Curtis, and drawings by Andrew Jackson Grayson. For more information, call the Central Library at 619-236-5852.

## Coming Attractions



The Library regularly features a variety of movies, most of which are foreign or independent films that are not widely distributed. All films will be shown at the Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego.

- Sept. 2 – The documentary "**Harry Bridges: A Man and His Union**" (2003) about the controversial labor leader. Following the screening, there will be a discussion about the film. 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 7 – "**Laurel Canyon**" (2002), starring Frances McDormand and Christian Bale. 2 p.m.
- Sept. 9 – "**He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not**" (2003), starring Audrey Tautou and Samuel Le Bihan. In French with English subtitles. 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 15 – "**The Perfect You**" (2001), starring Jenny McCarthy and Christopher Eigeman. 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 21 – "**Blue Diner**" (2000), starring Miriam Colon and Lisa Vidal. In English and Spanish with English subtitles. 2 p.m.
- Sept. 22 – "**XX/XY**" (2003), starring Mark Ruffalo, Kathleen Robertson and Maya Stange. 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 29 – "**All the Real Girls**" (2003), starring Paul Schneider and Zooey Deschanel. 6:30 p.m.

*For more details about upcoming films, visit the Library on the web at [www.sandiego.gov/public-library](http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library).*

## Professor to Lecture on Middle East Peace

The Library and the Lipinsky Institute for Judaic Studies will host a lecture by Moshe Ma'oz, Ph.D., entitled "Navigating the Road Map to Peace." The lecture, which is part of the institute's continuing series on Jewish topics, takes place at 6 p.m., Sept. 8 in the Central Library's auditorium. The event also is taking place during American Jewish History Month. This event is free and open to the public. Ma'oz will teach courses this fall on Arab-Israeli relations and the peace process as a visiting Israeli professor at San Diego State University.

## Library's Fall Concert Series Continues

The Library's Fall Concert Series will continue with two performances in September. On Sept. 14 at 2:30 p.m., works by Franch, Faure and Mendelssohn will be performed by Hernan Constantino, violin; Tina Guo, cello; and Ronel Wishnuss, piano. On Sept. 28 at 2:30 p.m., a program titled "On Wings of Song" will be performed by soprano Klara Durbeck, accompanied by Ilana Mysior on piano. Both performances will be held in the Central Library's auditorium.



## Get Carded During National Library Card Sign-Up Month in September

The Library invites the public to “get carded” at their local libraries so they can enjoy all the important things libraries provide. Celebrated throughout September, National Library Card Sign-Up Month encourages people to check out what’s new at their library by signing up for a library card. The cards are free and available at all City libraries. Observed since 1987, National Library Card Sign-Up Month is a time when libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning. Adults also find library cards useful to check out books, videos, CDs and other materials to expand their knowledge.

## Malcolm X Branch Hosts Open Mic Poetry Events

Open Mic Jam Session/Expressions Unlimited Celebration is an evening of poetry, spoken word, and the performing arts held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St. All forms of spoken word and artistic expressions are welcome and unlimited at these free events. For more information, call 619-527-3405.

## Online Catalog Provides Improved Access to Information About Books, Other Materials

The Library’s online catalog has a whole new look that will help patrons learn more about books and other materials before checking them out. Using software from Syndetic Solutions Inc., the Library has installed “enhanced content” to its online catalog. As a result, listings on the Library’s catalog now resemble those of online booksellers, such as Amazon.com. The enhanced content is not available for every title in the Library’s collection, but for the many titles such improvements will include cover images of book jackets, book reviews, tables of contents, summaries and authors’ notes and biographies. To access the Library’s online catalog, visit the Library on the City’s Web site at [www.sandiego.gov/public-library](http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library), select “Catalog & Databases,” and choose “Library Catalog.”

## Poetry Writing Workshop to be Held Sept. 6

As part of the Library’s continuing support for local writers, a poetry writing workshop will be held Sept. 6, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Central Library. The workshop will be taught by Minerva (the pen name of Gail Hawkins), who is a writer, poet, teacher and freelance editor. The workshop is limited to 15 participants, who will need to bring their own paper and pencils or pens. To register, contact Pamela Sanderson at 619-236-5847. The event is supported by Poets and Writers Inc. through a grant from the James Irvine Foundation. Funding for the program was provided by the California Center for the Book.



*Pro skateboarder Tony Hawk signs autographs for local teens at the Central Library on July 29.*

## Skateboarding Superstar Tony Hawk Helps Kick Off Teen Reading Program at Central Library

Professional skateboarder Tony Hawk visited the Central Library on July 29 to help kick off the “Get on Board and Read @ your library” campaign. Teens who sign up at libraries select a favorite book and write about why the book was meaningful to them. One teen will be awarded the opportunity to meet Tony Hawk in person.

The pro skateboarder presented an autographed copy of his book “Hawk: Occupation: Skateboarder” to City Library Director Anna Tatar and it will be added to the Library’s permanent collection.

Co-sponsored by the American Library Association and Morningstar Foods Inc., makers of Hershey’s Chocolate Milk, the “Get on Board and Read” program officially begins this fall. More details are available at [www.hersheysmilk.com](http://www.hersheysmilk.com).

## Even More Great Events and Programs!

For the very latest information about Library events, exhibits, activities and other programs, visit your local library or check out the Library on the City’s web site at [www.sandiego.gov/public-library](http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library).

